

I, as a DSL consumer, wish to register the strongest protest I can against this NPR.

Handing the 'baby' Bells (SBC is hardly a 'baby' anymore!) a total monopoly on landline based DSL will completely KILL any competition and leave us with NO choices whatsoever.

DSL **IS** a telecommunications service. Yes, 'information services' are delivered over it, but to say that because SBC hasn't chosen to offer it unbundled, they don't have to offer it unbundled is duplicitous at best.

The **INTERNET** is a two way TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE. Information is delivered over this media, same as any other telecommunications medium, voice, etc. The difference is, the internet is by design a PEER TO PEER network, where ALL participants can be publishers AND consumers.

If I had to use SBC as my ISP, I would not be able to run non-profit websites for my local cubscout pack, astronomy club, and a friend's mental health group on my own home server, I would be forced to either pay seperate fees for each of these websites, or more likely, just shut them down. The large conglomerates are only interested in offering low grade web-surfing asymmetrical services, often with terms of service that forbid running your own servers.

thank you for considering my points.

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